

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: Sir, the news given in the newspaper has come to our notice. We are examining it. We have not yet got the details thereof;

So far as Kashmir is concerned, the entire Jammu and Kashmir is part and parcel of India. Therefore, whatever be the talks, the talks should be, taking into consideration that Jammu and Kashmir is part and parcel of mother India.

SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Is the Government aware of the fact that the main culprits today—I underline the words “culprits today”—in the struggle in Kashmir are tribals and that they are playing their historical role. I underline the words, “historical role”. What steps are being taken to tame them?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: I could not follow the question. Kindly repeat the question.

SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: To my mind, today, tribal are fomenting the main trouble in the Kashmir struggle. What steps are being taken to tame them?

SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA: There is no such information...
(Interruptions)...

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Tribals from Afghanistan.

श्री नरेन्द्र मोहन: सभापति जी, मैं सवाल कर सकता हूँ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. Next Question. Question No. 264.

*264. [The Questioner (Shri Dipankar Mukherjee) was absent.
For answer vide page 26 infra]

Benefit to Data Processing Assistants

*265. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to extend the benefit of various court judgements for similarly placed employees with regard to pay scales of erstwhile Data Processing Assistants in the grade of DPA (Grade-III) (scale 1600-2600) as per Fourth Pay Commission's recommendations in the Department of N.S.S.O. under the Ministry of Statistics;

(b) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Finance has also agreed to extend the benefit of above said court judgements to similarly placed employees of DPA of N.S.S.O.; and

(c) if so, what is the time-frame to implement the same?

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DR. A. K. PATEL: Sir, I am satisfied with the answer. So, I have no supplementary to put.

**266. [The Questioner (Prof. R.B.S. Varma) was absent. For answer vide page 27 infra]*

Discussion with US Authorities on Fighting Cyber Crimes

***267. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:**

SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:†

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had discussed the issue of fighting cyber crimes with the US authorities during his visit to United States, recently; and

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri J. Chitharanjan.